

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing an ~~audio~~ **audible** menu, comprising:
 - providing text strings on a server, each text string capable of representing a menu choice;
 - generating audio files, each audio file representing a voiced name of one of the text strings;
 - associating each of the audio files with the text string corresponding thereto;
 - delivering the audio files to a client from the server;
 - presenting a **navigable** menu on the client that includes menu choices represented by the **voiced names corresponding to the menu choices text strings**, the menu choices being capable of being highlighted or selected; **and**
 - playing the audio file on the client when the associated menu choice is highlighted **such that a user can navigate the menu without having to see a visual display on which the menu is displayed.**
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - providing a remote control that can navigate through the menu on the client.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:
 - the voiced names are in a language other than English.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:
 - the client is capable of playing music; and
 - playing the audio file when music is playing does not stop the music from playing.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein:
 - the client produces audio output in at least two channels; and
 - the audio file is output through only one channel.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein:
 - exactly two channels are used for the client's audio output, the two channels being a left channel and a right channel.

7. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein:

the audio file is mixed with the music when the music is playing.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for creating ~~audio~~ audible menu components, wherein the ~~audio~~ audible menu components represent navigational components directed to the selection of media content on a client device wherein the audible navigational components provide for the selection of the media content without a user seeing a display on which the navigational components are displayed, comprising:

providing a text string that represents a menu component, whereby the menu component is one of several options that can be selected without the user viewing from a the displayed menu on ~~[[a]]~~ the client device;

generating an audio file that is an audio representation of the menu component;

delivering the audio file to a client device; and

navigating the audible menu without viewing the displayed menu.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising:

playing the audio file; and

requesting approval of the played audio file prior to delivering the audio file to a client device.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein:

generating the audio file is accomplished via a text-to-speech algorithm.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein:

if approval is not given, providing an opportunity to modify the text string; and

if the text string is modified,

replacing the audio file with a new audio file generated from the modified text string,

playing the audio file, and

requesting approval of the played audio file.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein:

if the text string is not modified, providing an opportunity to replace the audio file with a new audio file generated from an audio recording.

13. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein:

the audio file generation includes at least compression of the audio file.

14. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein:

the delivery of the audio files includes embedding the audio files in metadata.

15. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising:

determining whether the audio file is present on the client device;

wherein, delivering the audio files is performed only if the audio file is not present on the client device.

16. – 19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A client device comprising:

a processor; and

a memory, operably connected with the processor;

wherein the processor is operable to perform instructions including

receiving an audio file that is an audio representation of a menu component,

wherein the audio menu components represent navigational components directed to the

selection of media content[[,]] **on the client device wherein the audible navigational**

components provide for the selection of the media content without a user seeing a

display on which the navigational components are displayed;

updating the menu to include the menu component; **and**

playing the audio file when the menu component is chosen.

21. (Currently Amended) **The client device as recited in claim 20, further comprising:**

[[A]] **a** media management system comprising:

a media database that stores media files;

media collection records that include data relating to groupings of the media files;

media records that include metadata relating to the media files;

a voiced names database that stores audio files; and
association records that associate the audio files with data from the media collection records and metadata from the media records.

22. (Currently Amended) The ~~media management system~~ client device of claim 20 ~~claim 21~~, wherein:

~~the media management system is executed on~~ the client device is a portable digital music player.

23. – 25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) ~~A client device comprising:~~

~~a processor; and~~

~~a memory, operatively connected with the processor;~~ The client device as recited in claim 20, wherein the memory ~~storing~~ stores at least some of the media content and metadata for a plurality of media items, the memory also storing audio content representing the metadata for the media items;

wherein the processor is operable to perform instructions including receiving a selection of one of the media items and then playing the audio content for at least a portion of the metadata representing the selected one of the media items.

27. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The client device as recited in claim 26, wherein the processor is further operable to perform instructions including playing the media content for the selected one of the media items concurrently with the playing the audio content for at least the portion of the metadata associated with the selected one of the media items.

28. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The client device as recited in claim 26, wherein the processor is further operable to:

present a menu on the client that includes menu choices represented by the text strings, the menu choices being capable of being highlighted or selected; and

play the audio file on the client when the associated menu choice is highlighted.

29. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The client device as recited in claim 26, wherein the processor is further operable to:

receiving instructions from a remote control to navigate through the menu.

30. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ **The** client device as recited in claim 26, wherein the processor is further operable to:

produce audio output in at least two channels; and
wherein the audio file is output through only one channel.

31. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ **The** client device as recited in claim 26, wherein exactly two channels are used for the client's audio output, the two channels being a left channel and a right channel.

32. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ **The** client device as recited in claim 26, wherein the processor is further operable to:

mix the audio file with the media item when the media item is playing.

33. (New) The client device as recited in claim 20, wherein the client device is in communication with a server comprising:

a processor; and
memory, operably connected with the processor;
wherein the processor is operable to perform instructions including
providing the text string that represents the menu component, wherein the audible menu components representing the navigational components directed to the selection of media content;
generating the audio file that is the audio representation of the menu component;
delivering the audio files to the client device.

35. (New) The client device as recited in claim 20, wherein:

the menu includes menu components that have not been received; and
pre-packaged audio files are associated with the menu components that have not been received.

36. (New) The client device as recited in claim 20, wherein:

the audio file is played only after the menu component has been highlighted for a predetermined period of time.